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### The Battle of Battery Wagner: The Whole Story

At 7:30 PM on Friday, July 18, 2003, Dr. Stephen R. Wise will present a program on the 1863 Campaign for Battery Wagner and Charleston in the Fort Moultrie Visitor Center Auditorium. This program is free and open to the public, but is limited to 125 people. July 18 is the 140th anniversary of the assault on Battery Wagner, lead by the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. This action, popularized in the movie *Glory*, though a significant event was much more than a charge by a single regiment. This program will present the whole story of the campaign.

Dr. Wise, who earned his doctorate in history at the University of South Carolina, is the director of the museum and Cultural Resource Director for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, SC. He is the author of *Lifeline of the Confederacy: Blockade Running During the Civil War* (University of South Carolina Press, 1988) and *Gate of Hell: The Campaign for Charleston Harbor 1863* (USC Press, 1994). Dr. Wise will be available after the program to sign copies of his book. In addition, he has appeared on the Arts and Entertainment Channel (A&E), the History Channel, the Discovery Channel, and numerous productions on South Carolina Educational Television. Dr. Wise is currently working on a book of photographs taken in Beaufort, SC, during the Civil War.

The Fort Moultrie Visitor Center is located 1214 Middle Street on Sullivan's Island, directly across the street from the fort. Fort Moultrie is part of Fort Sumter National Monument, a unit of the National Park Service. The site is open daily from 9:00-5:00. For additional information call 843 883-3123.

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